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1. N. S. Khrushchev is at present in Murmansk, attending a series of important conferences with military and civil authorities concerning the military build up of the Arctic Ocean area.
2. Large parts of the Kola peninsula are to be devoted to military camps and naval and air bases. To support these bases there will be considerable shifts of population from White Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Esthonia, East Prussia and Kashubia. New radar and radio stations will be constructed on the shores of the White Sea and the Satellite states have been already ordered to help in this work.
3. Changes in the supply arrangements for Soviet submarines operating in this region are being studied on the spot under the direction of Admiral S. J. Zacharov.
4. The new military arrangements for the area are supervised by General N. V. Moskalenko, assisted by General P. A. Artemiev, lately commander of the military district of Moscow. Also planned is the construction of a new railroad and a series of canals, linking the region with the Leningrad district.
5. Khrushchev was accompanied on his trip by B. P. Beshchev, Minister of Transport.
6. Preparations for similar development in northern Siberia are also being made, and the number of labor camps there has been substantially increased.

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